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TAKAMAGAHARA

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CHAPTER 10: BEAST TO GUN!

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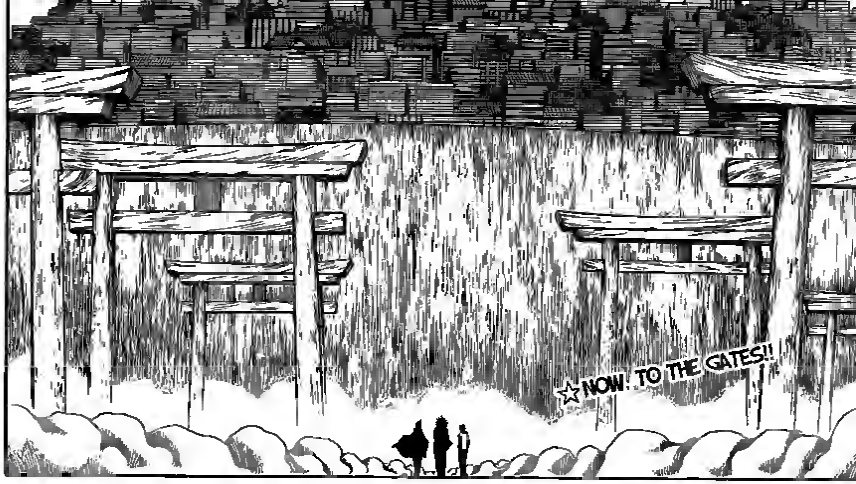
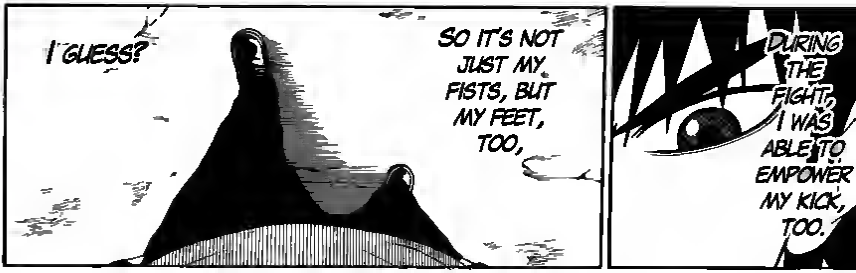
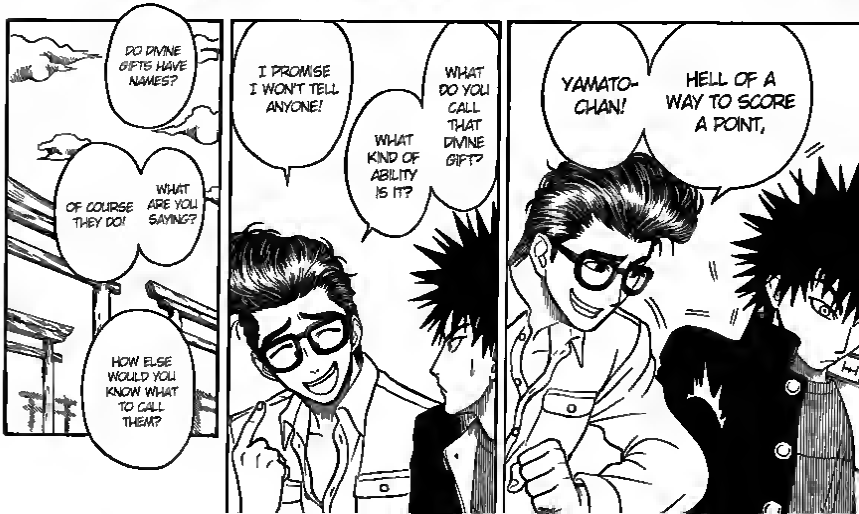
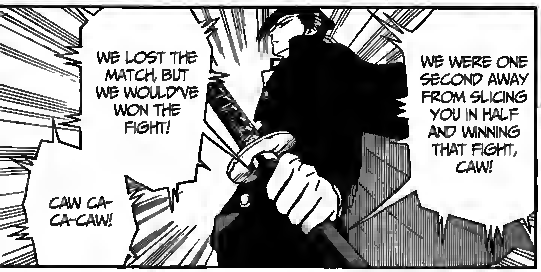

☆NOW! TO THE GATES!!

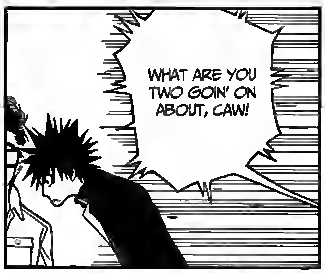

I GUESS?
SO IT'S NOT JUST MY FISTS, BUT MY FEET, TOO,
DURING THE FIGHT, I WAS ABLE TO EMPOWER MY KICK, TOO.


DO DIVINE GIFTS HAVE NAMES?
OF COURSE THEY DO!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
HOW ELSE WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO CALL THEM?
I PROMISE I WON'T TELL ANYONE!
WHAT KIND OF ABILITY IS IT?
WHAT DO YOU CALL THAT DIVINE GIFT?
YAMATO-CHAN!
HELL OF A WAY TO SCORE A POINT,

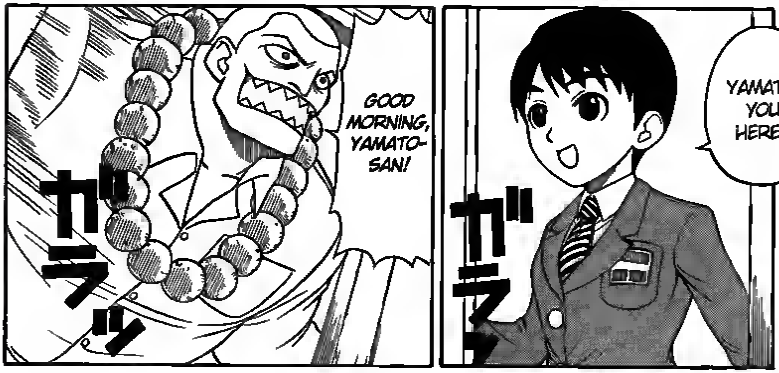
OH YEAH, IZUMO HAS A DIVINE GIFT, TOO!
What sort of ability would that imply
MAGATAMA? YOU MEAN LIKE THOSE SPIRITUAL STONE THINGIES?
BUT WHAT IT DOES IS TOP-SECRET.
BY THE WAY, MY DIVINE GIFT IS "MAGATAMA".

MAGATAMA ARE CURVED, COMMA-SHAPED BEADS THAT APPEARED IN PREHISTORIC JAPAN FROM THE FINAL JŌMON PERIOD THROUGH THE KOFUN PERIOD, APPROXIMATELY CA. 1,000 BC TO THE 6TH CENTURY AD. MAGATAMA ORIGINALLY SERVED AS DECORATIVE JEWELRY, BUT BY THE END OF THE KOFUN PERIOD FUNCTIONED AS CEREMONIAL AND RELIGIOUS OBJECTS.


WE LOST THE MATCH, BUT WE WOULD'VE WON THE FIGHT!
CAW CA-CA-CAW!
WE WERE ONE SECOND AWAY FROM SLICING YOU IN HALF AND WINNING THAT FIGHT, CAW!



SFX: DING / DONG


GOOD MORNING, YAMATO-SAN!
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YAMATO, YOU HERE?
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AH?
AH?

I WANTED TO THANK HIM FOR EVERYTHING AT THE HOSPITAL, ESPECIALLY THE BANANAS. .
WHEN I WENT TO HIS HOUSE, HIS BROTHERS SAID HE HAD LEFT EARLY--
THAT'S WEIRD
We have gym today, so invites not here either
YAMATO HASN'T SHOWN UP YET.
G'MORNING, MIZUHO-CHAN
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME THAT!
BIG SIS MIZUHO!

WHERE DID HE GO?
MIZUHO'S PROBABLY HEADING TO SCHOOL RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
COME TO THINK OF IT,
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A PRISON'S THAN A SCHOOL'S...
IS THIS THE GATE INTO TAKAMAGA-HARA?
SFX. STARE
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SFX. GLARE
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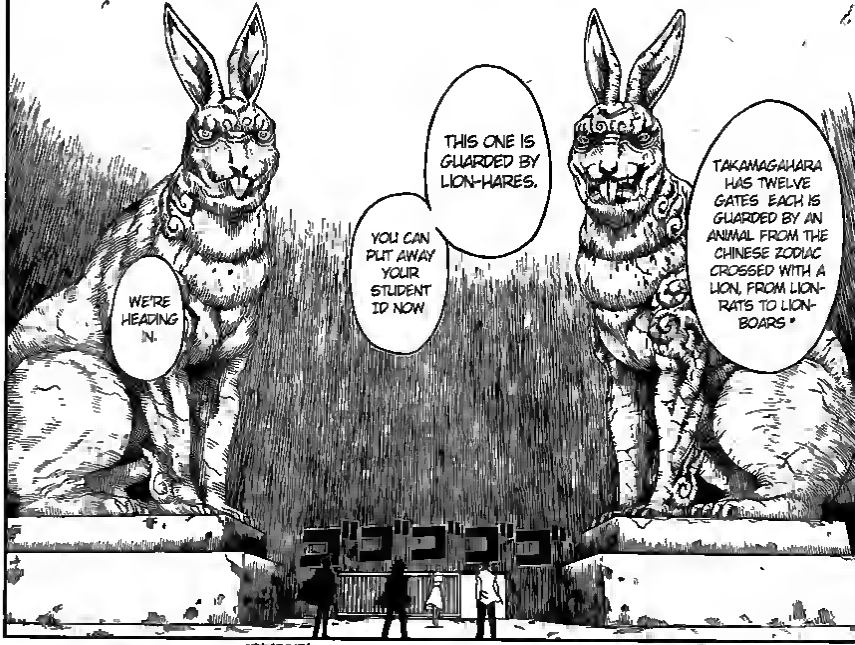
TAKAMAGAHARA HAS TWELVE GATES. EACH IS GUARDED BY AN ANIMAL FROM THE CHINESE ZODIAC CROSSED WITH A LION, FROM LION-RATS TO LION-BOARS."
THIS ONE IS GUARDED BY LION-HARES.
YOU CAN PUT AWAY YOUR STUDENT ID NOW
WE'RE HEADING IN.
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SFX: "ROAR"

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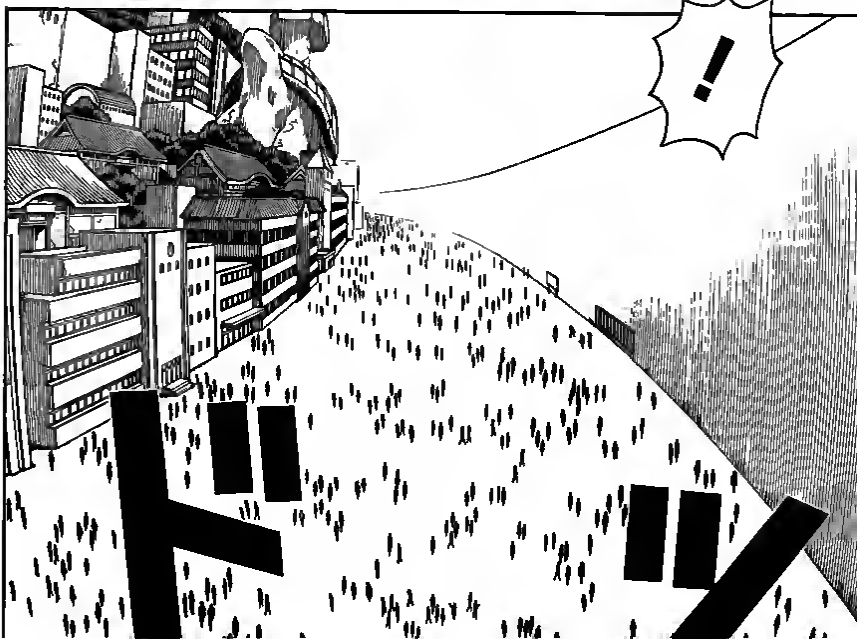

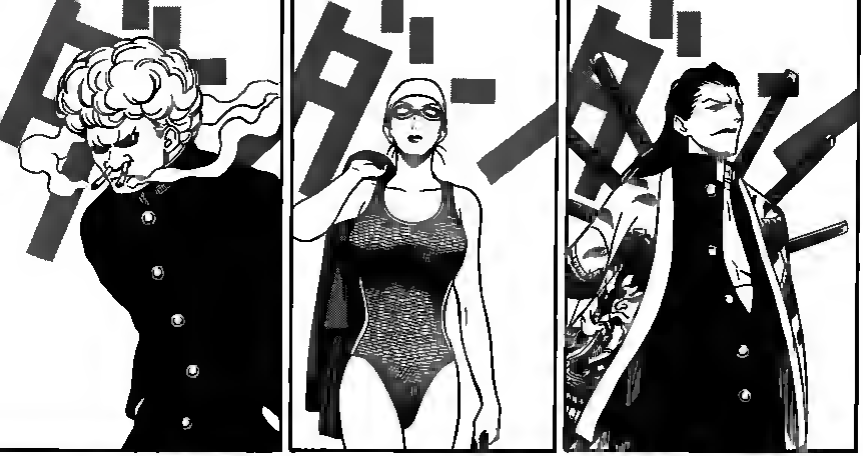
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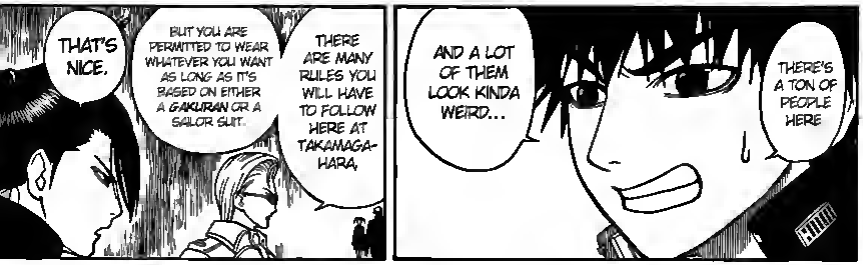
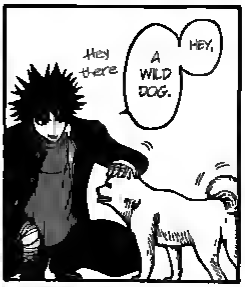
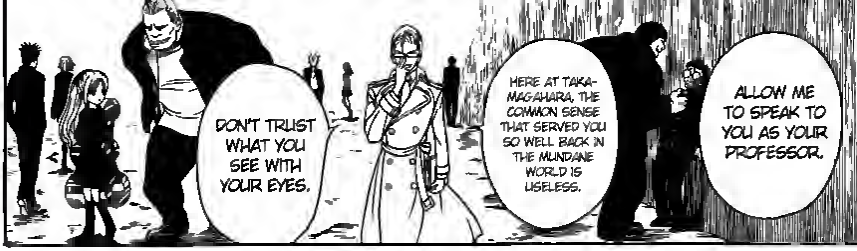
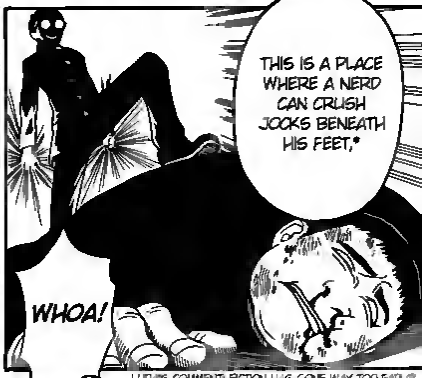

THAT'S NICE.
BUT YOU ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR WHATEVER YOU WANT AS LONG AS IT'S BASED ON EITHER A GAKURAN OR A SAILOR SUIT.
THERE ARE MANY RULES YOU WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW HERE AT TAKAMAGAHARA.
AND A LOT OF THEM LOOK KINDA WEIRD...
THERE'S A TON OF PEOPLE HERE

HEY THERE.
BUT WILD DEER AND WILD BEARS AS WELL.
THERE AREN'T JUST WILD DOGS HERE.
SERI-OUSLY?!
WHOA!!


HEY.
A WILD DOG.
Hey there

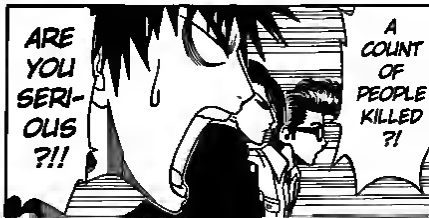
HM?


DON'T TRUST WHAT YOU SEE WITH YOUR EYES.
HERE AT TAKA-MAGAHARA, THE COMMON SENSE THAT SERVED YOU SO WELL BACK IN THE MUNDANE WORLD IS USELESS.
ALLOW ME TO SPEAK TO YOU AS YOUR PROFESSOR.



LUPA'S COMMENT: FICTION HAS GONE WAY TOO FAR !?

SIGNS YESTERDAY'S DIVINE GIFT ACCIDENTS / DECEASED (3) / INJURED (108)



KYAHHHHHH!
I DON'T WANT TO SPEND ANOTHER DAY IN THIS FREAKING PRISON! DO AS I SAY, OR I KILL THE GIRL!
LET ME GO BACK HOME!
I AIN'T PLAYIN' AROUND HERE!
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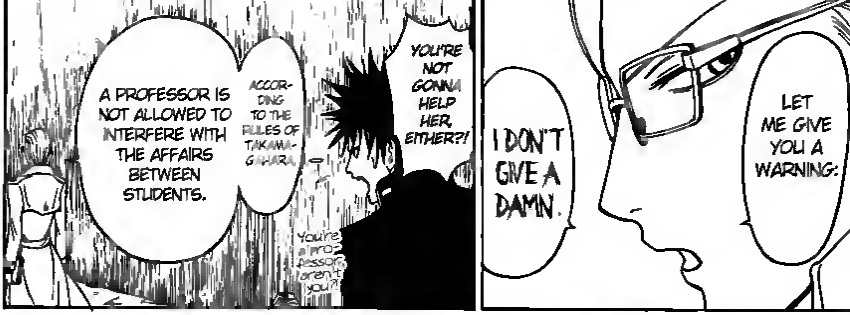
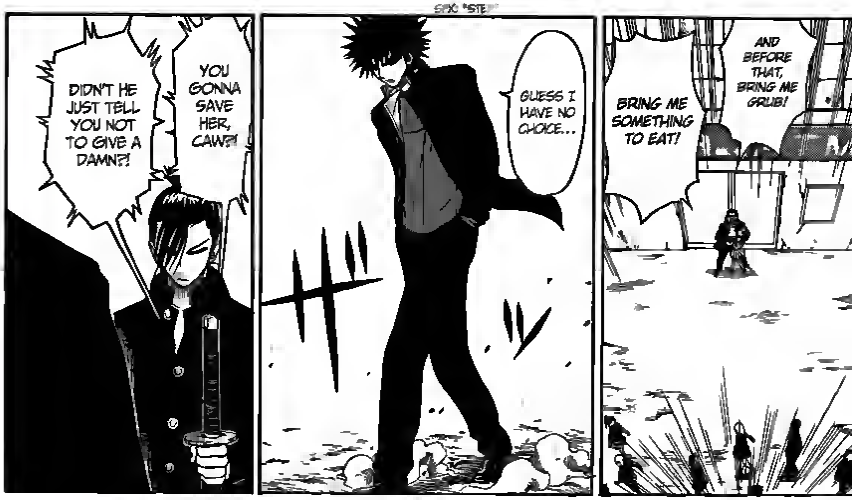
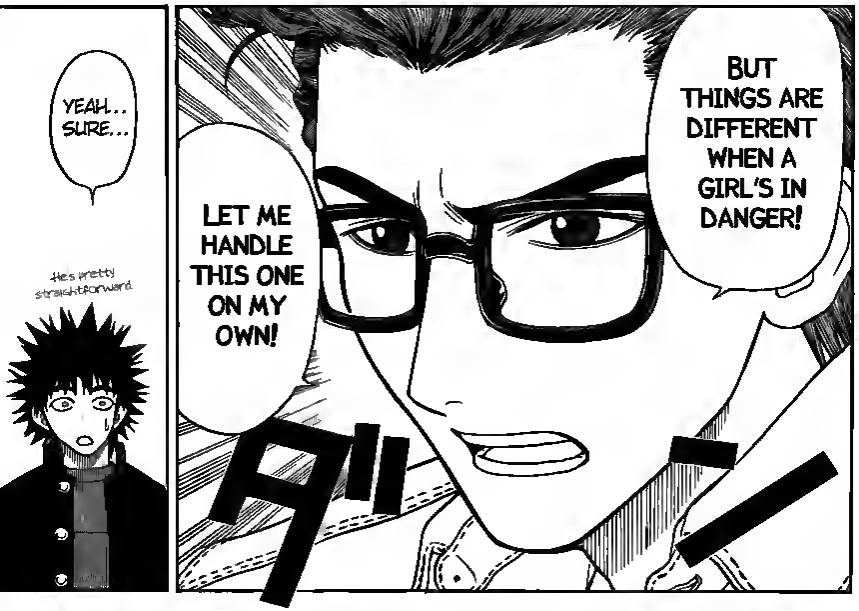
WHAT THE HELL?!
AREN'T ANY OF YOU GONNA SAVE HER?
SO YOU KNOW!
LIKE-WHATEVER!


LET ME GIVE YOU A WARNING:
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA HELP HER, EITHER?!
ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF TAKAMIGAHARA, —!
A PROFESSOR IS NOT ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH THE AFFAIRS BETWEEN STUDENTS.
You're a pro-fessor, aren't you?


SFX: *STEP*
AND BEFORE THAT, BRING ME GRUB!
BRING ME SOMETHING TO EAT!
GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE...
YOU GONNA SAVE HER, CAW?!
DIDN'T HE JUST TELL YOU NOT TO GIVE A DAMN?!

SFX: SMACK
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO DO THIS,
BUT IF NO ONE ELSE IS GOING TO, THEN I WILL!

SFX: PAT



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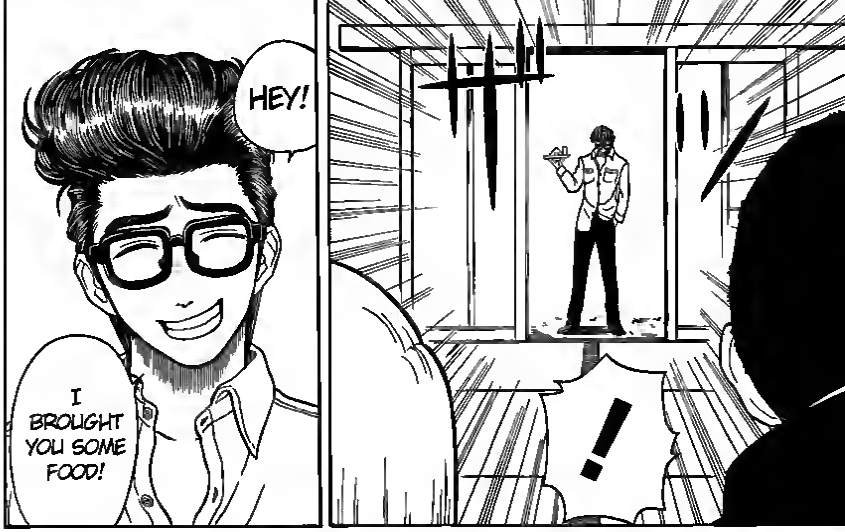
HEY!
I BROUGHT YOU SOME FOOD!
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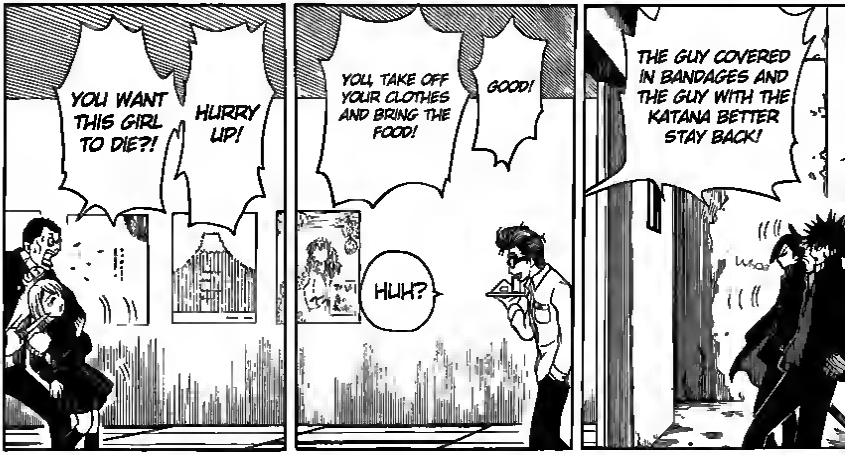
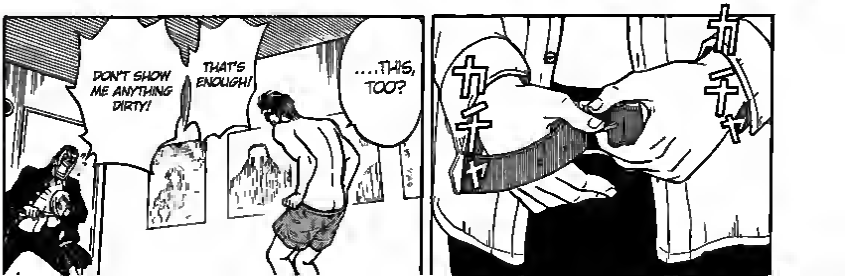

YOU WANT THIS GIRL TO DIE?!
HURRY UP!
YOU, TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES AND BRING THE FOOD!
GOOD!
HUH?
THE GUY COVERED IN BANDAGES AND THE GUY WITH THE KATANA BETTER STAY BACK!


DON'T SHOW ME ANYTHING DIRTY!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
....THIS, TOO?
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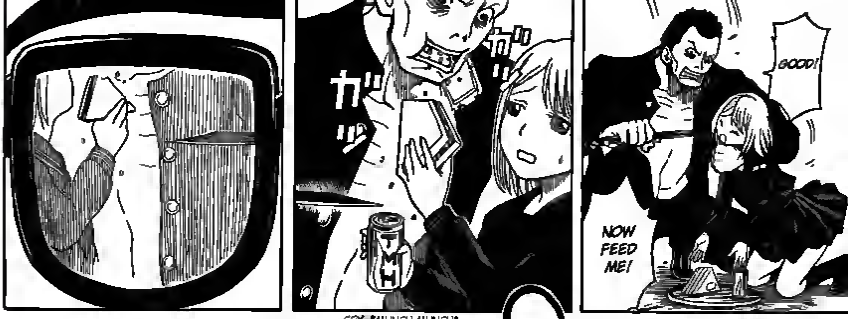
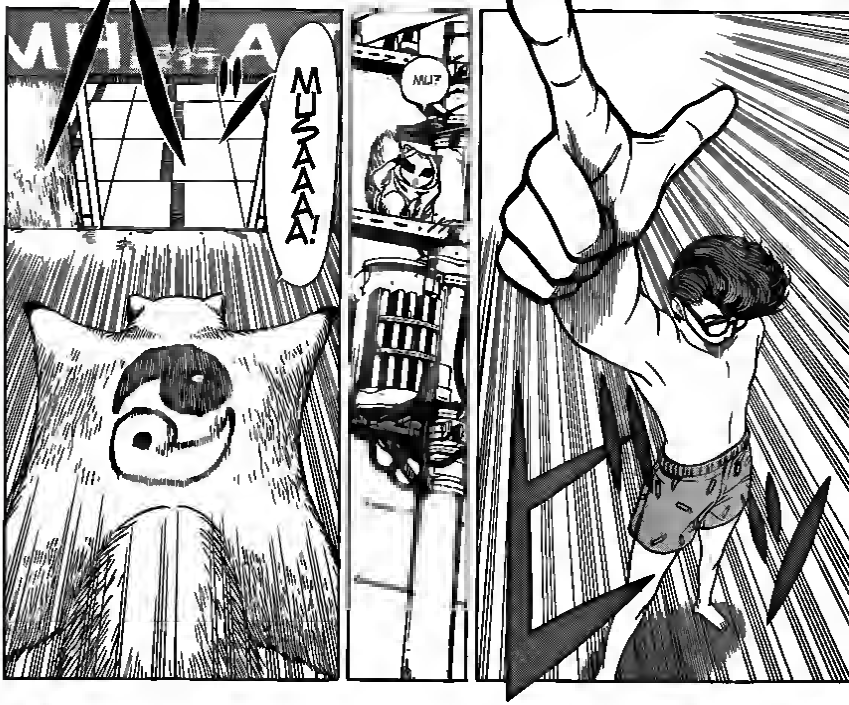
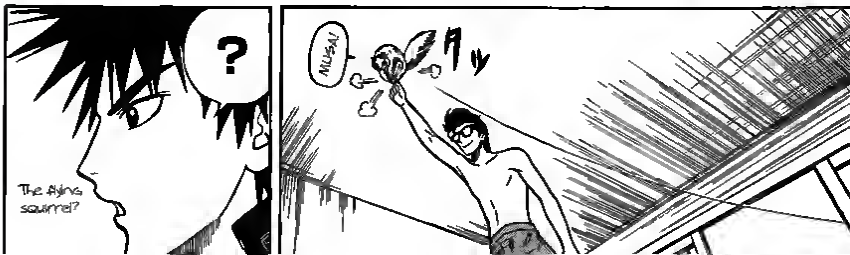
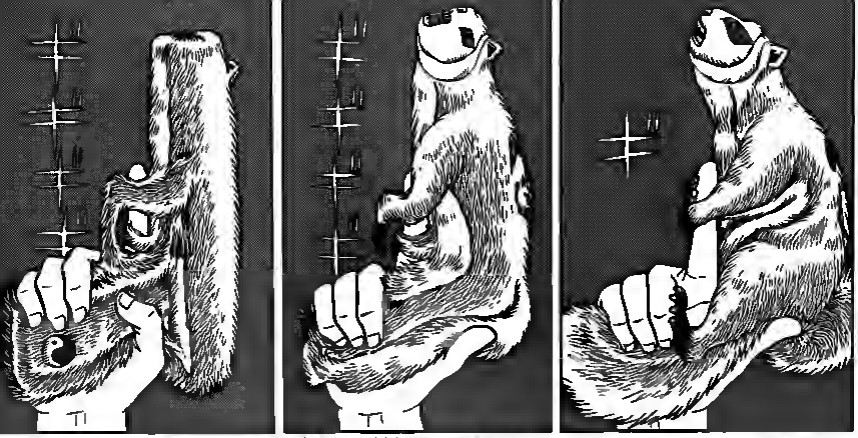
OK, OK.
PUT THE FOOD THERE, THEN WALK BACK SLOWLY WITH YOUR HANDS UP!
GOOD!
CAN SHE USE IT TO RUN AWAY, OR NOT?
I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THE DIVINE GIFT OF THE GIRL HE'S HOLDING!
OR IS HE TRYING TO HIDE IT...
HE'S USING A KNIFE, SO HE MUST BE AN ATTACK TYPE, RIGHT?
WHAT'S THAT BASTARD'S ABILITY?
YAKUMO IZUMO
IS AN HONOR STUDENT WHO HAS ALREADY HUNTED A DOZEN OF THE MYRIAD GODS SINCE HE STARTED WORKING WITH ME.
WHO KNOWS
HOW-EVER...
HEY?
IS THIS ALL RIGHT?



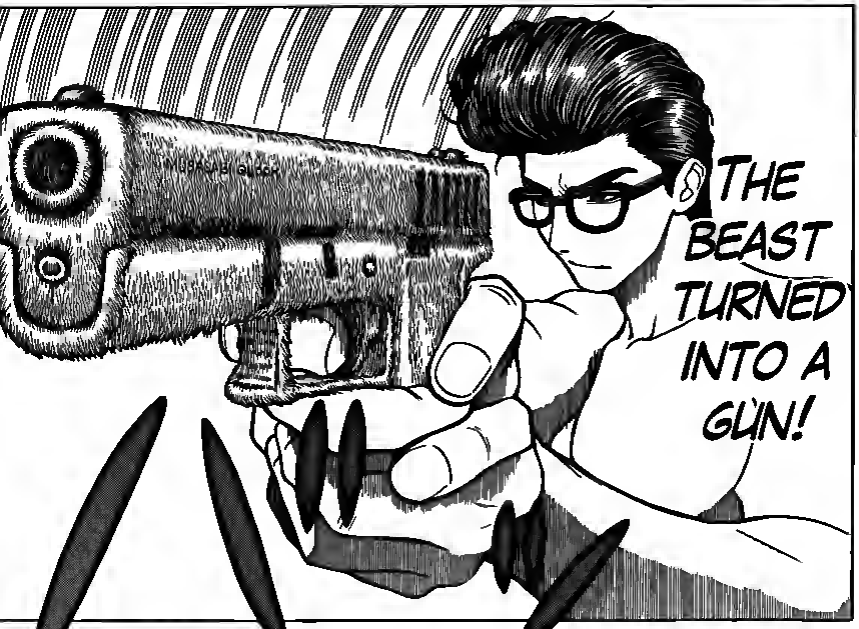
SFX: *MUNCH MUNCH*







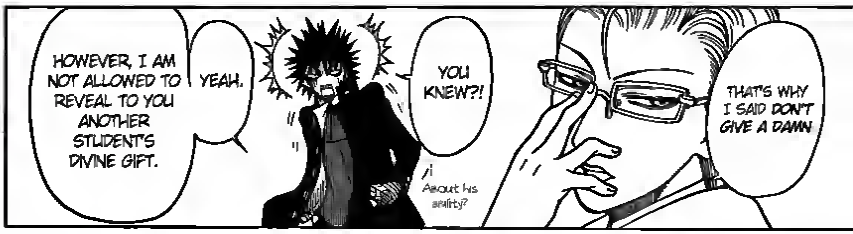
SFX: SCREECH / SCREEEECH / SCREEEEEEEECH



ARE "MALE-VOLENT BULL-ETS"!!
AND THE "MAGA TAMA"
SFX: "BANG"
SFX: BAM!
SFX: "PING"
SFX: THUMP

D....
DAMN!
SFX. SCREEEEETCH
NOW SCREAM "PERVERT!" AND RUN AWAY!
YEAH!
STOP TRYING TO ACT COOL WHEN YOU'RE IN NOTHING BUT YOUR UNDERWEAR, CAW!
CUTE MISS?
YOU ALRIGHT,
GOOD JOB, SAZABI!!
PSHW
BUH ....
BUH-BUH-BUH-BUH-BUH
BUH
BUH?

SHE DISAP-PEARED ?!
MUSA-SA!!
SORRY ...
MY DIVINE GIFT, "CARETAKER",
GIVES ME THE POWER TO CREATE OTHER PEOPLE BY MY SIDE.
BUT IF THEY GO FAR AWAY, THEY DISAPPEAR.
THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT FOR A GUY LIKE ME...
SFX: *STUNNED*


THAT'S WHY I SAID DON'T GIVE A DAMN
YOU KNEW?!
About his ability?
YEAH.
HOWEVER, I AM NOT ALLOWED TO REVEAL TO YOU ANOTHER STUDENT'S DIVINE GIFT.

SFX: *DEPRESSED* / *DEPRESSED*
BUT THAT MEANS ..
Please someone care about me.
THAT WAS FREAKING AMAZING!
WAS THAT MAGATA-MA?
WELL, YEAH.
BUT THAT WAS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG!
.....
!

HE REALLY DOESN'T LIKE LOSING, DOES HE?
.....
OF COURSE, WE'VE ONLY SHOWED YOU THE TINIEST ELEMENT OF OUR DIVINE GIFT, TOO!
THERE'S ALSO MOMOCHI! THE SMALL FLYING SQUIRREL.
I HAD HIM KEEPING WATCH FOR ME.
THIS IS MY PARTNER, SAZABI. HE'S A GIANT FLYING SQUIRREL.
A THREE-MAN SQUAD?!
HUH?!
BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
AS PART OF A THREE-MAN DIRECT COMBAT SQUAD.
HOW FAR YOU THREE CAN GO
YOU CAN'T RELY ON THE COMMON SENSE THAT HAS SERVED YOU UNTIL NOW.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN HERE IN TAKAMAGAHARA.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?
SFX: DING DONG
WHAT THE HELL?!
LET'S GO.
THAT'S THE BELL TO SIGNAL THE START OF CLASSES!
HEY!
WAIT UP!
☆ NEXT TIME, CLASSES BEGIN!!
TAKAMAGAHARA
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